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SUBJ: SOME PERIODICALS TO RE-OPEN SOON

SUMMARY. INTERIOR MINISTER CISNEROS TOLD REPORTERS AUGUST 7 THAT THE GOP HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHEN PERIODICALS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RE-OPEN. ENRIQUE ZILERI, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED MAGAZINE CARETAS, TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 6 THAT HE HAS RECEIVED GOP PERMISSION TO PUBLISH AUGUST 19. CISNEROS HAD SAID THAT SOME CENSORSHIP WOULD APPLY WHEN JOURNALS RE-OPEN. ZILERI CONCURRED NOTING EXTREME GOP SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM, ESPECIALLY THAT INVOLVING MILITARY INSTITUTIONS. END SUMMAY.

1. MINISTER OF INTERIOR CISNEROS TOLD REPORTERS AUGUST 7 THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHEN PERIODICALS WOULD AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO PUBLISH. HE DECLARED THAT WHEN THEY DO, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT BE "ALLOWED THE EXCESSIVE (AND HE IMPLIED IRRESPONSIBLY UTILIZED) FREEDOM THEY ENJOYED BEFORE." RESPONDING TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BY FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO'S PRESS SECRETARY AUGUSTO ZIMMERMANN (ZIMMERMANN SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE PANAMANIAN EMBASSY IN EARLY AUGUST), CISNEROS SAID THAT THE GOP HAD NOT ISSUED ANY ARREST ORDER FOR ZIMMERMANN. "ONE GETS THE IMPRESSION THAT ZIMMERMANN IS LOOKING FOR PUBLICITY FOR THE BOOK HE HAS EDITED." ZIMMERMANN'S NEW BOOK, "ROAD TOWARD SOCIALISM", HAS JUST APPEARED ON THE NEWSSTANDS.

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2. ENRIQUE ZILERI, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED MAGAZINE CARETAS, TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 6 THAT THE GOP HAS APPROVED HIS REQUEST TO PUBLISH CARETAS. (IT HAD BEEN CLOSED BY VELASCO AND ZILERI DEPORTED. SINCE HIS RETURN IN MAY 1976, ZILERI HAS WORKED TO RE-OPEN CARETAS.) ZILERI SAID THAT CARETAS SHOULD BE ON THE NEWSSTANDS AUGUST 19. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE GOP IS LIKELY TO APPROVE THE RE-OPENING OF CERTAIN OTHER PERIODICALS AND POLITICAL JOURNALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE USUALLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL GENTE AND THE INDEPENDENTLY CRITICAL OIGA HAVE THE BEST CHANCES OF RE-OPEN SOON, ZILERI FELT, FOLLOWED BY THE POPULAR AND INFLUENTIAL EQUIS-X AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY UNIDAD. MILITARY LEADERS ARE STILL INCENSED AT ALFONSO BAELEA, DIRECTOR OF THE MUCK-RAKING JOURNAL EL TIEMPO, WHO IN THE LAST ISSUE CALLED UPON MILGOV MINISTERS TO "DO PERU A FAVOR AND GO HOME". THEREFORE THE FUTURE OF EL TIEMPO IS IN DOUBT, FELT ZILERI. GOP INFORMATION CZAR, GENERAL VILLALOBOS, RECENTLY TOLD ZILERI THAT THE CONSERVATIVE OPINION LIBRE HAD BEEN CAMPAIGNING TO UNDERMINE ARMED FORCES' UNITY AND IT, TOO, WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME RE-OPENING. ZILERI OPINED THAT THE FAR-LEFT AND POLEMIC PUBLICATION MARKA WOULD ALSO REMAIN CLOSED.

3. ZILERI TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD RECEIVED CERTAIN INDICATIONS OF DISCONTENT AND DISSENSION AMONG ARMY NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. THIS DISCONTENT, FELT ZILERI, WAS PRIMARILY BASED ON THE GREAT DIFFERENCE IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS BETWEEN NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND TOP MILITARY OFFICERS. THE NCO'S FEEL, SAID ZILERI, THAT THE REVOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN EXTENDED TO THEM AND THAT THE MILITARY CLUB RESEMBLES THE EXCLUSIVE OLIGARCHIC STRONGHOLDS OF OLD. ZILERI FELT THAT THE NEED TO MAINTAIN MILITARY COHESION WAS THE NUMBER ONE PROBLEM OF THE GOP AND, IN ZILERI'S VIEW, FOR THE STABILITY OF PERU. ZILERI SAID THAT, FAR FROM ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE THE MILGOV OR INCREASE DISSENSION, HE WOULD WORK TO HOLD MILITARY INSTITUTIONS TOGETHER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS. HE PLANNED TO DO AN EARLY ARTICLE ON FORMER PRIME MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, DEMONSTRATING THE "RELATIVELY MINOR" IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FERNANDEZ MALDONADO AND CURRENT GOP LEADERS.

4. FINALLY ZILERI CONCLUDED THAT THE GOP WILL REMAIN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM AND WILL EXPECT A LARGE MEASURE OF SELF-CONFIDENTIAL

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CENSORSHIP ON THE PART OF PERIODICALS. HE CONTENDED THAT HEAVY-HANDED GOP INFORMATION POLICY HAS DESTROYED THE DAILY PRESS WHICH NOW AVOIDS ANY INDEPENDENT INTERPRETATION ON OR EVEN REPORTING OF CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS. THE ONLY PAPER, ACCORDING TO ZILERI, DEMONSTRATING SOME INDEPENDENCE IS LA PRENSA AND THIS IS BECAUSE ITS DIRECTOR, LUIS JAIME CISNEROS, IS THE BROTHER OF INTERIOR MINISTER CISNEROS.

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